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Senator-elect Bruce Patterson Named Technology and Energy Chairman

December 6, 2002 – Senator-elect Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, has been named Chairman of the Senate Technology and Energy Committee by incoming Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, for the legislative session beginning in 2003.

“Representative Patterson will play an important role in addressing advances in technology and energy for Michigan families and businesses,” Sikkema said. “His ability to work with the Republicans and Democrats to achieve goals will be an asset to the committee.”

The committee is responsible for legislation regarding the operation or state regulation of investor-owned utilities, including electric, natural gas and telephone services, and emerging technologies, including broadband and e-business.

“I look forward to working, in a bipartisan fashion, with my colleagues to keep Michigan on the forefront of technology,” Patterson said. “We need to be leaders in providing innovative and cost-effective technology and energy resources to our students, families and businesses.”

Patterson has been a member of Michigan House of Representatives since 1999, and has held leadership positions in every term. He was elected by his peers to serve as the Associate Speaker Pro-Tem in the 1999-2000 legislative session, and has served as Majority Floor Leader during the 2001-2002 legislative session. He serves on the committees of House Oversight and Operations (Chair), Redistricting and Elections (Chair), House Television and Oversight (Vice Chair), Gaming and Casino Oversight and Veterans Affairs.

On January 8, 2003, Bruce Patterson will be sworn in as State Senator of the 7th District, representing the Wayne county communities of City of Northville, Northville Township, City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Van Buren Township, Belleville, Sumpter Township, Huron Township, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Woodhaven, Trenton, Grosse Ile Township, Gibraltar and Rockwood.

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